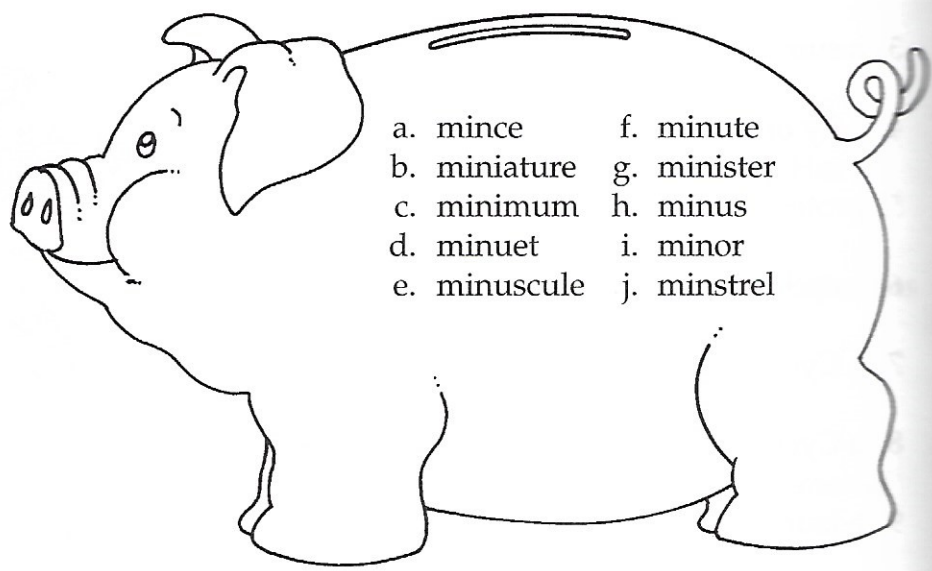


# Small Change

Knowing vocabulary roots is like having coins in the bank. They are there whenever you need them! For each definition on the coins below, write the letter of the correct word using *min*, meaning "small." Check your answers with a dictionary.

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| <p>1. very small<br/>_____</p> <p>2. smaller, underage<br/>_____</p> <p>3. a dance marked by small steps<br/>_____</p> <p>4. to cut into very small pieces<br/>_____</p> <p>5. the least amount possible<br/>_____</p> | <p>6. less<br/>_____</p> <p>7. marked by attention to small details<br/>_____</p> <p>8. a lesser person who serves by entertaining<br/>_____</p> <p>9. a small copy<br/>_____</p> <p>10. a lesser person who serves by helping<br/>_____</p> |
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- a. mince
- b. miniature
- c. minimum
- d. minuet
- e. minuscule
- f. minute
- g. minister
- h. minus
- i. minor
- j. minstrel

Big bank accounts and large vocabularies are not built overnight—it takes time and effort for both. On the back of your paper, use each vocabulary word in a paragraph to finish this story:

"For years, I had been saving minuscule amounts of money, tucking away fifty cents here, two dollars there. But the day I walked by Sawyer's Department Store window and saw . . ."

# It's a Small World



Use *min* vocabulary to fill in the blanks in the newspaper article below. Find out the real story behind this famous literary character!

Yesterday in Small Claims Court, a (1) \_\_\_\_\_, Tom T. Piperson, was found guilty of stealing one of Reverend Trever's pigs. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_, a keen observer of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ details, noticed he was (4) \_\_\_\_\_ one swine when he took a bucket of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ marshmallows out to the pig pen.

The evidence that clinched Tom's guilt was the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ amount of barbecued pork clinging to his lips.

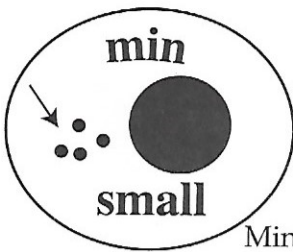
The boy, sentenced to the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ punishment of 30 licks with a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ matchstick, sobbed on his lawyer's shoulder. But outside the courtroom, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ danced a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrating their new jingle now being sung all over town:

"Tom, Tom T. Piperson stole a pig and away did run.  
The pig was eat, Tom was beat,  
And Tom went crying down the street!"



Now take a minute and solve these minute riddles by placing the number on the blank beside the correct definition.

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| _____ a. | The modern-day version of an old-fashioned dance | 1. a minor whiner          |
| _____ b. | A miniature mess                                 | 2. the Minus Highness      |
| _____ c. | The king of budget deficits                      | 3. a sinister minister     |
| _____ d. | The instrument played by Tom Thumb               | 4. a jet-set minuet        |
| _____ e. | An underage complainer                           | 5. a small but sloppy copy |
| _____ f. | An evil public servant                           | 6. a minute flute          |
| _____ g. | The minimum Thanksgiving meal                    | 7. the Prince of Mince     |
| _____ h. | A tiny amount of sewing thread                   | 8. the vainer entertainer  |
| _____ i. | A boastful minstrel                              | 9. a minuscule spool       |
| _____ j. | The owner of a knife company                     | 10. a least feast          |



# Fore!

Miniature golf can certainly enlarge your vocabulary! To play the game below, you will need a stack of cards, one vocabulary word and its meaning to a card, two small game markers, and a penny.

Place the cards face down on the desk. To get to move, you must give your partner the correct definition for the word card he/she draws from the stack. If you are right, flip the penny. Heads, you move ahead three spaces; tails, you move one. Then obey the commands on the gameboard. First to the finish line is a golf pro and a vocabulary whiz!

The miniature clubs are too tiny for you. Move back 2.

With miniscule adjustments, your swing is perfect. Move up 3.

You're blinded by minced onions on your burger. Lose turn.

You pay attention to minute details! Go again.

It takes a minimum of 100 strokes to clear the water hole. Start over!

Your score is now 125 plus 100 for lost balls. Move back 3.

Playing with your minister brings you luck. Move up 1.

You're overrun by millions of minor golfers. Lose turn.

A hole in one! Do a minuet and take another turn.

The minstrel's music is too loud. You miss your shot. Move back 2.